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Regional Freedom of Information Officer U.S. EPA, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street (OPA-2)
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9

Dear Regional Freedom of Information Officer:

We appreciate your prompt attention to this request for documents made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the "Act"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Pursuant to the Act, we respectfully request that the U.S. Environmental EPA ("EPA") produce certain documents that are in the possession, custody, or control of the EPA concerning the following property located in Oakland, California (the "PROPERTY"). The PROPERTY is currently known as 2934 Ford Street, Oakland, California, but it encompasses a full block in Oakland and has been identified with the following addresses:

- 2934-2946 Ford Street, Oakland, CA
- 525 Derby Avenue, Oakland, CA
- 2929-2945 Chapman Street, Oakland, CA

It is our understanding that the PROPERTY was built in the 1920's and was formerly known as "Vulcan Foundries" or the "Vulcan Steel Foundry Co" (which closed in the 1980s).

Specifically, we request all environmental, safety and health documents for the PROPERTY that are in the EPA's possession, custody, and control, including, but not limited to:

- 1) any and all environmental permits, licenses, and/or certifications issued by the EPA for the PROPERTY;
- 2) any and all documents relating to spills and/or releases that occurred on the PROPERTY, including any notices of violations issued by the EPA for the PROPERTY;
- 3) any and all documents relating to any underground storage tanks ("USTs") installed, maintained, or removed at the PROPERTY;
- any and all documents relating to inspections conducted by or on behalf of the EPA for the PROPERTY, including documents pertaining to the results of such inspections or remediation efforts conducted in response to such inspections;

any and all complaints received or issued by the EPA for the PROPERTY, including all settlements entered into by the EPA concerning the PROPERTY.

Please send copies of all documentation to:

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Please contact me regarding anticipated fees associated with this request and I will promptly remit payment. If expenses will cost in excess of \$100, please notify me before incurring further costs.

If you decide to deny this request, in whole or in part, or request an extension of time, I would like to receive written notification of this decision within the time period specified by FOIA. In the event that some portion of this request is claimed exempt from release pursuant to one of the limited provisions of FOIA, I request that you release any reasonably segregable portion of the document which is not exempt.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to your reply within the statutory twenty (20) business days, as required by the Act. Please contact me at (415) 659-5601 with any questions or if you require any further information which will accelerate the production of responsive information. We are open to working with EPA so as to receive electronic documents in searchable formats as well, if that reduces a burden on the Agency.

Very truly yours,

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